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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES REGION 20 (DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, MARYLAND AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA) REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES TO HOLD 700 MHZ AND 800 MHZ MEETINGS

## General Docket No. 90-7 and WT Docket 02-378

The Region 20 (District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia)<sup>1</sup> 700 MHz and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees (RPCs) will hold two consecutive general membership meetings on August 23, 2017. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Region 20 700 MHz RPC will convene at the Maryland DOT Headquarters Building, Harry Hughes Suite 1, 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076 (near BWI Airport; ample free parking is available right across the street from the MDOT HQ building). The 800 MHz RPC meeting will convene immediately following the 700 MHz meeting, at the same location.

The agenda for the both meetings include:

- Call to order and welcome
- Speakers and presentations regarding FirstNet and communications encryption, as well as other important topics related to public safety communications
- Review and approval of meeting minutes (2016 meeting)
- Updates on systems previously approved by the Region (*i.e.*, Calvert, Cecil, Montgomery counties, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Worcester, and Maryland FiRST)
- New Business
  - Update on the national program to standardize the processing of FCC applications for 700 and 800 ("NPSPAC") MHz frequencies through Computer Assisted Pre-Coordination Resource and Database (CAPRAD)
  - Requests for 700 MHz spectrum from Frederick County, MD and Maryland FiRST;
     request for 800 MHz spectrum from Fauquier County, VA
  - Updates and proposed amendments to the Region 20 Plan for 700 MHz
  - Updates and proposed amendments to the Region 20 Plan for 800 MHz
  - Future of Maryland Eastern Shore Interoperability Network (MESIN)
- Items for the good of the order and meeting conclusion

Both Region 20 700 MHz and 800 MHz RPC meetings are open to the public. All eligible public safety providers in Region 20 may utilize these frequencies. It is essential that eligible public safety

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Region 20 regional planning area includes the District of Columbia, the entire state of Maryland, and the following jurisdictions in Northern Virginia: Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford Counties; and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park Cities.

agencies in all areas of government, including state, municipality, county, and Native American Tribal be represented in order to ensure that each agency's future spectrum needs are considered in the allocation process. Administrators who are not oriented in the communications field should delegate someone with this knowledge to attend, participate, and represent their agency's needs.

All interested parties wishing to participate in the planning for the use of public safety spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands within Region 20 should plan to attend. For further information, please contact:

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